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| APPARATUS AND METHOD AND          | ) |                            |
| INFORMATION PROVIDING             | ) |                            |
| SYSTEM                            | ) |                            |

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.